

REMARKS

Claims 1, 23 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the features of claim 5, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 9-17 and 22 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

Turning to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 13, 18, 20 and 24 under 35 USC § 102 as anticipated by Burgess et al. (U.S. Patent 3,757,511), claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Nishizawa et al. (U.S. Patent 4,329,625), claims 2 and 9-12 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Burgess in view of Lebens et al. (U.S. Patent 6,305,818), claims 3 and 4 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Burgess in view of Lebens et al. and further in view of Stingone, Jr. (U.S. Patent 6,263,280), claims 14-17 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Burgess in view of Stingone, Jr., claim 19 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Burgess in view of Weindorf (U.S. Patent 6,717,559), claim 21 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Nishizawa in view of Dick et al. (U.S. Patent 5,636,057), and claims 22 and 23 under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Nishizawa in view of Petrick (U.S. Patent 6,525,668), while Applicants believe all claims are allowable over the art, nevertheless, claims 1, 23 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the features of claim 5 indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Thus, all claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

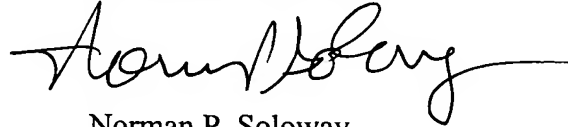
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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